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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF THOMAS VAIL, PUBLISHER-EDITOR, CLEVELAND
PLAIN DEALER

REF: STATE 234117

1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION
MR. VAIL'S REQUEST FOR AUDIENCE WITH KING FAISAL. MINISTRY
STATE A REPLY MAY BE EXPECTED SHORTLY BEFORE VAIL'S ARRIVAL
IN RIYADH.

2. IN ADDITION TO AUDIENCE, EMBASSY IS REQUESTING MEETINGS
WITH FOLLOWING SAUDI OFFICIALS: DR. HISHAM NAZER, MINISTER OF
PLANNING; PRINCE SA'UD BIN FAISAL, DEPUTY MINISTER OF PETROLEUM
(SON OF KING); AND DR. SULIMAN SULAIM, SAUDI CHAIRMAN OF US-
SAUDI ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS. OTHER APPOINTMENTS WOULD INCLUDE
HIS HIGHNESS FAHD AL SUDAIRY, DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION;
PRINCE KHALID BIN FAHD, DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION; AND DR.
ABDUL AZIZ AL FADDA, PRESIDENT OF RIYADH UNIVERSITY (A RECENT
CU GRANTEE).

3. BECAUSE OF THE CONSERVATIVE NATURE OF SAUDI SOCIETY,
MRS. VAIL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OFFICIAL
PORTIONS OF HER HUSBAND'S PROGRAM. A SEPARATE PROGRAM WILL
BE PREPARED FOR HER BY MR. VAIL'S CONTROL OFFICER, COUNSELOR
FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS TOBERT RUGGIERO.

4. SAUDI OFFICIALS OF THE LEVELS MENTIONED ABOVE ARE
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SWAMPED WITH CALLERS, AND WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE ALL

OF THE CALLS ON ONE DAY. ACCORDINGLY, MR. VAIL SHOULD PLAN
ON SPENDING BOTH OF HIS DAYS IN SAUDI ARABIA IN RIYADH.
IF MR. VAIL CAN ADVANCE HIS ETA FROM FEBRUARY 5 TO FEBRUARY 4,
HE CAN THEN DEPART RIYADH FOR AMMAN FEBRUARY 6 BY A SAUDIA
FLIGHT THAT DEPARTS AT 1200 (VAIL SHOULD RECONFIRM FLIGHT
SCHEDULES BEFORE MAKING FINAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS).
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